



San Luis Obispo County

Department of Planning and Building Environmental Division

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT SCOPING MEETING

GRADING AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL PLAN AND COUNTY CODE

DATE: July 30, 2009
TIME: 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.
LOCATION: San Luis Obispo City-County Library
995 Palm Street – San Luis Obispo

The San Luis Obispo County Planning & Building Department (Planning) has begun environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for amendments to Title 22 (Land Use Ordinance) and Title 23 (Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance), and to Coastal Plan Policies and the North Coast Area Plan. These amendments are intended to implement specified measures in the County's Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP).

SCOPING MEETING - The scoping meeting discussion will focus on environmental issues, feasible ways in which project impacts may be minimized, and potential alternatives to the project. Additional information about the project and EIR is available by request. We encourage your participation in this process. Please contact Murry Wilson at (805) 788-2352 or mwilson@co.slo.ca.us for additional information.

The EIR will include evaluation of project and cumulative impacts, mitigation measures and project alternatives. The issues to be analyzed include: Agricultural Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Hydrology and Water Quality, Geologic Hazards, Noise, Public Services and Utilities, Traffic, Visual Resources, Water Resources, and Land Use.

PROPOSED PROJECT – The grading and stormwater management revisions are intended to fulfill the requirements mandated by the State Water Resource Control Board which are required under the County's Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP). The Stormwater Management Plan itself is a document guiding the County's actions to ensure compliance with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase Two program. Additionally the proposed ordinance revisions will make the grading, drainage, and erosion control requirements in the inland and coastal portions of the county consistent with one another.

The proposed project will modify portions of the Land Use Ordinance, Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance, Coastal Plan Policies, and North Coast Area Plan by doing the following:

- Incorporating the General Construction Permit requirements into the Land Use Ordinance and Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance.
- Strengthening enforcement practices.
- Incorporating Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) requirements into the Land Use Ordinance and Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance.
- Clarify the threshold for when grading permits are required.
- Modify the procedures for agricultural exemptions and the alternative review program.
- Implement Measure SL 2.3.1 of the Draft Conservation Element, which prohibits grading on slopes of 30 percent or more without a variance approval.
- Reorganize Chapter 22.52 of the Land Use Ordinance for ease of use.
- Replace Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance Sections 23.05.020 through 23.05.050 with language that is consistent with Chapter 22.52.
- Implement a portion of Program 14 (Chapter 7) of the North Coast Area Plan by requiring development in the Lodge Hill Area of Cambria to adhere to MS4 requirements.
- Add new definitions to the Land Use Ordinance and Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance.
- Update section number references in all affected documents.

The grading and stormwater management revisions will apply to all of the unincorporated areas of the County of San Luis Obispo. It does not affect the incorporated cities.

Additional information about the project and EIR is posted on the SLO Planning website: <http://www.sloplanning.org> under “Environmental Information” then “Environmental Notices...”, then scroll to “Other Environmental Notices”.